

## **Consideration of H.RES 1182**

### **Congratulating Radford University on Its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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I rise in strong support of H.Res. 1182, bipartisan legislation which congratulates Radford University on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of its charter. The resolution is cosponsored by eight members of the Virginia House delegation.

Senators Webb and Warner introduced a companion measure which was approved by the U.S. Senate earlier this year.

For a century, Radford University has provided students with an outstanding education, and the University deserves congratulations for this achievement. In that century, nearly 70,000 students have received a Radford education, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in business, government, education, health care, the arts and other areas.

Radford University was chartered on March 10, 1910 as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford with the mission of preparing teachers, and it was renamed in 1924 as Radford State Teachers College, in 1944 as the Women's Division of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and in 1964 as Radford College. The school became Radford University in 1979.

Today, Radford University is known for its strong relationships between faculty and students and the commitment to service among its student body. The school offers 153 undergraduate and graduate programs and strong research, service learning and pre-professional programs.

Radford University is located in my congressional district, but its achievements bring pride not just to our region but to citizens across Virginia. The University's graduates reside in communities throughout the nation who share in the congratulations that today Congress formally extends to Radford University for 100 years of outstanding service.